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at any time, and, furthermore, as all precautions are being taken, there is no ground whatsoever to fear a general infection or epidemic. I therefore have not considered it necessary to inform you by cable; I shall, however, carefully watch further developments and, in case of any alarming change, I shall at once cable.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

HUGH PITCAIRN,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

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Sanitary report.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, April 2, 1898.

SIR: Referring to your letter of February 25 last, I have, by direction of the Secretary of State, the honor to inclose for the use of the Marine-Hospital Service copy of a dispatch from our minister at Port au Prince, reporting as to health organizations in Haiti.

Respectfully, yours,

WILLIAM R. DAY,
Assistant Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

JAPAN.

Sanitary report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, *March 15, 1898.*

SIR: Regretting that I am unable to forward my usual detailed report of infectious diseases in Japan, I am nevertheless able to state that, in all essentials, the sanitary condition of the Empire remains, practically, as at the time of my last return.

Plague is still semiepidemic in Formosa, and has appeared at two new points there, while a few cases have occurred in the Japanese garrison.

Single cases of cholera have been reported in both Yokohama and Tokyo, but their genuine nature is neither established nor probable.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Port au Prince, Haiti, March 23, 1898.

SIR: In reply to request of the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, conveyed to me through the State Department, regarding the health organizations, their powers, scope, their relation to state and municipal powers, also the management and control of contagious and infectious diseases:

There is a medical organization, known as the "jury medical," composed of 4 doctors and 1 druggist. Their duty being to examine all persons desiring to practice medicine in Haiti; they pay no attention to hygienic or health matters.

There is no separate place where contagious or infectious diseases are treated. All such cases are treated at residence of patient. No means are employed to isolate either class of patients.

In case of yellow fever the patient can, if he so wishes, be sent to either the French or Sisters of Charity hospitals, where he pays (\$3) three dollars a week.